

## Board of Education Meeting

Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
High School Library  
7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Susan Filburn  
Nancy Fodera  
Tony Leva  
Jeanne Obermayer  
Michael O'Donnell  
Dorothy Sellers - absent  
Kevin Schaefer

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Joseph Dragone, Superintendent of Schools  
Brian Sirianni, Clerk of the Board

### CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Schaefer called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Brown, 2096 Barrett Rd. Ballston Spa congratulated the wrestling team for their accomplishments. She congratulated the students in the Addams Family. She thanked Mr. Lopez and Ms. Kohl for their hard work.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 15, 2017 – Regular Meeting – Approved as submitted

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Dragone thanked the Ballston Spa Education Foundation for another excellent Taste of Ballston Event.

Dr. Dragone reported the Odyssey of the Mind teams had competed recently at regionals and teams from the High School and Milton Terrace would be going to State competition this weekend.

He went on to report the district had recently received the Utica National Insurance Group's School Safety Excellence Award for 2017. Dr. Dragone thanked Ed Martin for his continuous hard work.

He also announced the district had been awarded the Best Communities for Music Award by NAMM.

Dr. Dragone stated the Robotics team was hosting the annual Pizza Fun night and silent auction in the cafeteria. He stated the team would be heading to nationals on April 27-29.

Dr. Dragone reported that the State had not yet released State Aid budget information. He stated the recommended budget would be presented later this evening. He reported the tax levy would be 2.9% and the average tax rate increase would be approximately .06%. This results in a \$22 increase for the average home in the district. He stated the information would be available on the website.

#### High School Troupe

Dr. Dragone invited the Troupe up and reminded everyone there would be another production next weekend. He stated this was a phenomenal production.

Students from the Troupe spoke about the show and encouraged everyone to attend the productions. They thanked everyone for their support and hard work. They gave ticket prices and show times. One of the students performed a song from the production.

Kevin Schaefer encouraged the group to keep up the good work.

#### Student Recognition

Dr. Dragone recognized Mr. Sunkes for his achievements and recent award.

Mr. Sunkes, Coach Buckley and Coach Staulters recognized student athletes for their accomplishments and leadership. The athletes, parents, district and fans were thanked for their dedication and hard work.

Coach Staulters also recognized the veterans in the room and thanked them for their service.

Mr. Sunkes thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mr. Sunkes discussed the Safe Sports School award.

Mr. Sunkes recognized Laura Waldinger for her achievement and recent award.

Kevin Schaefer recognized the students and the coaches and athletic directors for their outstanding work. He recognized the inspiration the student athletes create.

#### Budget

Dr. Dragone reminded everyone of the district's mission. He referenced the student awards given previously as evidence of hard work and steadfast to excellence and hard work.

Dr. Dragone outlined the 2017-2018 budget goals.

Dr. Dragone discussed the 2017-2018 tax levy limit calculation.



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Dr. Dragone discussed the State Aid update. He explained the Assembly and Senate were at odd and this was keeping the State budget from being finalized.

He shared a slide regarding the Globalfoundries depreciation.

Dr. Dragone shared and explained the recommended budget. He stated the tax levy increase was 2.9%. He presented the budget comparison, the budget drivers and each of the budget components, highlighting the budget goals and explained the increased staff recommendations.

Dr. Dragone shared the contingency budget. He stated the required reductions equaled \$1,401,195. He explained the options available if a budget does not get approved by voters.

Dr. Dragone provided the next steps including meeting dates, budget hearings and votes.

Mr. Schaefer asked clarifying questions regarding a contingency budget.

Dr. Dragone explained.

Mr. Schaefer asked about the ramifications regarding the State budget.

Dr. Dragone explained the district's expectations.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nancy Fodera stated PARP was in downtown Ballston Spa. Ms. Fodera went on to say the Taste of Ballston had made \$6,000. She reminded everyone the Ireland tickets were on sale until May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Schaefer stated the Policy Committee continues to meet and will wrap up soon.

Mr. Schaefer stated the Finance Committee met to discuss components of Medicaid compliance. He stated Kathy Simkins had done a wonderful job and was retiring.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution #373 - KeyCorp Affidavit

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the affidavit for KeyCorp by Michael O'Donnell, be and is hereby accepted.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Jeanne Obermayer that the Board of Education approve Resolution #373 – KeyCorp Affidavit

Susan Filburn - Aye  
Nancy Fodera - Aye  
Tony Leva - Aye  
Jeanne Obermayer - Aye  
Kevin Schaefer - Aye  
Michael O'Donnell abstained from voting.

Resolution #374 - Agreement – District Depository

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS) be designated for the depository of funds of the Ballston Spa Central School District in the maximum amount of \$10,000,000, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #374 – Agreement – District Depository

Ayes all

Resolution #375 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the agreement between The PAST Foundation and the district to provide evaluation of the Clean Technologies & Sustainable Industries Early College High School, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #375 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #376 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the agreement between Hope House, Inc. and the district to provide tutorial services for certain students, be and is hereby approved.



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MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #376 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #377 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Advanced Therapy, LLC and the District to provide speech therapy services during the 2016-2017 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #377 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #378 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between KnowledgeWorks, LLC and the District for use of KnowledgeWorks materials during the 2016-2017 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #378 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #379 - Agreement – Professional Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, hereby approves the agreement between Partnership for Education and the District to provide bilingual psychoeducation evaluations during the 2016-2017 school year, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #379 – Agreement – Professional Services

Ayes all

Resolution #380 - Acceptance of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the donation, in the amount of \$10,000.00, from Proctors for Arts in Education, be and is hereby accepted.

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MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #380 – Acceptance of Donation

Ayes all

Resolution #381 - Approval of 2017-2018 Board of Education Meeting Dates

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the Board of Education Meeting Dates for the 2017-2018 year, be and are hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #38 – Approval of 2017 – 2018 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Ayes all

Resolution #382 - Reorganization Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the reorganization meeting of the Ballston Spa Central School District for the 2017-2018 school year shall be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #382 – Reorganization Meeting

Ayes all

Resolution #383 - Obsolete Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that a pedestal grinder located in the High School be declared obsolete and disposed of accordingly, be and is hereby approved.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #383 – Obsolete Equipment

Ayes all

Resolution #384 - Field Trip-French Exchange Program

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, to grant permission for High School French students to travel to Le Chesnay, France, as part of the biannual French Exchange program, in March 2018, be and is hereby granted.

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #384 – Field Trip-French Exchange Program

Ayes all



Resolution #385 - Establish Scholarship

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the following scholarships are hereby accepted and approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bob Murphy Athletic Scholarship	Awarded to one senior female athlete and one senior male athlete who has a good academic record and a financial need for college	\$500.00 Each

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #385 – Establish Scholarship

Discussion

Kevin Schaefer stated it was nice to see scholarships come to the district.

Ayes all

Resolution #386 - Placement of Students with Disabilities

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the said Board arrange placement of the following students as recommended by the District Committee on Special Education, effective April 5, 2017 be and are hereby approved:

Student #19324	Student #23261	Student #17250	Student #273536
Student #273130	Student #275021	Student #273281	Student #274948
Student #275453	Student #272651	Student #25731	Student #20324
Student #271846	Student #23932	Student #272986	Student #24020
Student #19026	Student #25298	Student #275425	Student #23783
Student #271350	Student #24891	Student #23104	Student #23086
Student #272319	Student #275697	Student #275813	Student #23740
Student #272318	Student #275811	Student #275708	Student #23486
Student #24170	Student #24704	Student #23108	Student #20347
Student #272183	Student #273725	Student #24055	Student #23997
Student #271953	Student #274747	Student #23032	Student #23387
Student #24527	Student #275324	Student #20108	Student #23199
Student #23167	Student #272855	Student #23037	Student #21059
Student #275027	Student #25699	Student #23050	Student #23952
Student #273189	Student #23147	Student #24546	Student #273102
Student #272501	Student #273346	Student #23243	Student #21014
Student #23067	Student #24882	Student #25910	
Student #275173	Student #272719	Student #23804	
Student #275245	Student #275428	Student #23738	

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MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #386 – Placement of Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

Resolution #387 - Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the said Board arrange placement of the following students as recommended by the District Committee on Preschool Special Education, effective April 5, 2017 be and are hereby approved:

Student #274518  
Student #275598  
Student #275764  
Student #273527

Student #275767  
Student #275754  
Student #274398

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolution #387 – Placement of Preschool Students with Disabilities

Ayes all

**Resolutions #388 - #396 are recognized as a consent agenda for the purpose of Board of Education action.**

Resolution #388 - Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the resignation for the purpose of retirement of the employee(s) listed below, with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved. The Board of Education and administration extend their appreciation to the employee(s) for their dedication to the students of the Ballston Spa Central School District:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Patrick McGann	Teacher	6/26/17

Resolution #389 - Termination

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District hereby approves the termination of the employee(s) listed below, with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Michael Kingsley	Cleaner	4/06/17



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Resolution #390 - Appointment – Instructional – Long-Term Substitute

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to a long-term substitute position(s) as indicated below, with salary and effective dates shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name / Position</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary / Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Heather Thomas	NYS Permanent Reading	\$52,211/yr. Step 6 + 30(pro-rated)	4/24/17-6/23/17

Resolution #391 - Appointment – Teaching Assistant

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the probationary position(s) indicated below, with salary and effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Certification Status</u>	<u>Salary/Step</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Stacey Flynn	Teaching Assistant	NYS Level 1 Teaching Assistant	\$20,279/yr. Step 3 (pro-rated)	3/18/17-3/17/21

Resolution #392 - Appointment – Extra Duties

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the position(s) indicated below for the 2016-2017 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Audrey Daniels	Additional Section (.1)	Per BSTA contract
Rebecca Donovan	Mentor	Per BSTA contract

Resolution #393 - Permanent Appointment – Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be granted permanent appointment to the position(s) indicated below, with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Emily Bybee	School Aide	4/07/17
Susan Cremo	Bus Driver	5/02/17
Karen Rhodes	Bus Attendant	4/21/17
Jeremy Rubitsky	Transportation Routing Specialist	4/30/17

Resolution #394 - Appointment – Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be granted appointment to the probationary position(s) indicated below, with hours, salary and effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max Hrs/Wk</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Lisa Morse	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$14.79/hr.	4/06/17-4/05/18
Denise Pembroke	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$14.79/hr.	3/20/17-3/19/18
Brian Simpson	Special Education Aide	32.5	\$14.79/hr.	4/06/17-4/05/18

Resolution #395 - Appointment – Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the position(s) indicated below for the 2016-2017 school year, with hours and salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Max Hrs/Wk</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Keyla Fernandez	Substitute Bus Driver	30	\$19.26/hr.
Bonny Wilson	Substitute Bus Driver	30	\$19.26/hr.

Resolution #396 - Appointment – Adult Education Instructors

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District, that the following person(s) be appointed as Adult Education Instructor(s) with effective date(s) shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Instructor Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Michelle Brandt	\$20.40/hr.	4/06/17-6/30/17

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Resolutions 398 - 396

Ayes all

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education accept Walk-On Resolution 397 – Interscholastic Sports Coaches

Ayes all

Resolution #397 - Interscholastic Sports Coaches

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Ballston Spa Central School District that the following person(s) be appointed to the position(s) indicated below for the 2016-2017 school year, with salary shown, be and is (are) hereby approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Stephanie Gellatly	Modified Girls Lacrosse Coach	\$2,428

MOTION BY Susan Filburn, seconded by Tony Leva that the Board of Education approve Walk-On Resolution 397 – Interscholastic Sports Coaches



Ayes all

**BSATA, BSTA, CSEA, Student Council, and PTA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Thomas Riley is looking to have a collaborative effort with the board. He asked the board if they had formed a committee with steps to be taken for the Veterans exemption survey. He also asked the board to report on what it could announce as elements of a plan that was to be in place by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY, Susan Filburn seconded by Tony Levy to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Ayes all

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Sirianni  
Clerk of the Board